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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB1599

My husband and I live in the country, are elderly and receive Social Security payments. The cost of living increases every day. We helped with the NoTaxOr petition drive.

The referendum By Law is decided by the voters in the general election in November. Please do an internet search on this. This is what it shows.

Oregon Referendum Election Details/General Election Timing

"In Oregon, a referendum election is typically held during the general election. The upcoming referendum regarding the increase in gas tax, payroll tax, and vehicle registration fees is scheduled for November 3, 2026. This timing aligns with the state's law governing referendums."

No body is fooled by this. The governor wants the vote on this to be in May because she's counting on low voter turnout. She fears her name to appear on the same page as her wildly unpopular gas tax bill on the November ballot.